

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 1988

520 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey

Present:

Ignacio Perez
Marta Figueroa
Evelyn Faria
Virginia Class
Raul Tous
Margie Echevarria
Aida Cabello
Daniel R. Guadalupe

I. Quorum & past minutes

There being sufficient quorum, the President opened the meeting. The past minutes were read and adopted.

II. HBA Foundation Account with First Fidelity

The President raised the question of whether we should close our bank account with First Fidelity since it is empty, and we are incurring service charges. Mr. Tous, who is about to transfer his business account to that bank, will request First Fidelity to waive these fees so that the account can remain open.

III. Report on HBA meeting in Philadelphia

The President gave a report on her meeting with the Presidents of other HBA's in this region (PA, NJ, MD, DC). Two committees/programs have been proposed: outside counsel program and an "adopt-a-school" program. The outside counsel program will encourage private corporations to utilize outside counsel. The "adopt-a-school" program will name attorneys to work in conjunction with groups like "Aspira" in helping a high school student by serving as "mentor". The mentor attorney would help a high school student become acquainted with the practice of law.

The President asked whether we should endorse these programs. Some board members suggested that our members could hire these students over the summer. Others suggested that we have a series of lectures for the students.

Another program discussed was the "mentor law school" program. This would be similar to the high school program.

Mr. Guadalupe moved to endorse the programs and submit the proposal to our Community Services Committee. Motion carried.

IV. Summer Outing

A. The Board voted to cancel the proposed summer outing at Al Ulloa's house.

V. Hudson County Hispanic Bar Association

A. Jose Fuentes, Esq., of the Hudson County Hispanic Bar group, spoke about the need for a Hispanic Bar organization in Hudson County for legislative lobbying, community service, and legal defense work. The Board questioned whether there would be a risk of dissension within the statewide bar association, although most board members acknowledged that the HBA needs regional organization as well. Mr. Fuentes expressed his group's willingness to be part of the HBA as a chapter or division but noted that they intend to create an organization in Hudson County notwithstanding our decision. Mr. Fuentes proposed to have an informal meeting between board members and the Hudson County Hispanic attorneys at El Meson Espanol in Union City on July 20, 1988 at 7:30 pm.

The President and other members of the board indicated that incorporation of this group into the HBA is a major issue to be decided by the general membership.

VI. Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned after several miscellaneous announcements by the President.